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I am Jennifer Herz, Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. CBIA's 10,000 member companies represent the broad diversity of Connecticut's businesses, and the vast majority of our members are small companies with fewer than 50 employees.

CBIA asks that you **support SB 879** An Act Concerning The Confidentiality Of Information Obtained By The Attorney General During The Course Of Antitrust Investigations.

SB 879 amends the Connecticut Antitrust Act to allow the Attorney General (AG) to use confidential documents obtained in connection with antitrust litigation in other legal actions on a limited basis.

A more expansive measure was initially proposed by the AG's office last year. The bill was proposed in response to the Brown and Brown v. Blumenthal decision by the Supreme Court which required the AG keep all antitrust materials confidential. The AG's Office worked with the business community last session to modify their initial bill in response to the business community's concern.

SB 879 is identical to the compromised language reached last year. It seeks to protect the confidential nature of the antitrust information obtained during litigation, while also allowing the AG latitude to use the information obtained to effectively prosecute claims. CBIA believes this bill is a fair balance of the concerns of both sides and we urge you to **support SB 879**.